

Dear Jim,

3/9/85

My reading of the selection of FBI JFK assassination ticklers disclosed to Mark Allen 2/12/85 that came today was interrupted often, as will be my writing of this memo about them. I will not be able to organize it and still get it done but I think you will find reference to significant information. This includes the nature and content of FBI ticklers in political cases and the obvious, that the FBI lies to the courts with regularity about them, claiming that they are routinely destroyed after a short period of time. What you sent and I got today includes ticklers dated 1/64, now more than 21 years old and still existing. There is little doubt that whatever the FBI may say in the future, it will never destroy this and related ticklers because of the political need for them and their content and the impossibility of reconstituting them, even at the great cost this would entail, because no current FBI employees have the requisite knowledge.

It is, I believe, significant that there is no content of any of these ticklers relating to the crime or its investigation or in any way a control over such info. This is to say that these are not normal criminal investigation ticklers. The underlying theme is cover the Bureau's ass when it is criticized and ~~avoid~~ avoid what can lead to more criticism.

Of particular interest and value is Vol XII of the Lee Harvey Oswald tickler, which I'll address in more detail. I'd appreciate it if you would please, when you can, have two more copies of it made for me for filing in my critics subject file and for use in litigation, particularly if there is any remand in the field offices case. It also would be useful if I can ever undertake to do something about the abuse to which I've been subjected because this proof that Phillips lied under oath was in his very divisions and his section of that division at the time he lied under oath about both ticklers and critics. Lil does not have time for this now and it would be uncomfortable for me to undertake this slow copying with our machine. Let me know the cost, please.

Do not assume that the Oswald tickler is the case tickler for it isn't. It is probably the repository of the kind of information in the main Oswald file, and that permits extensive filing as tickler under other headings. One is in this batch, "PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF WARREN COMMISSION RECORDS."

Not one of these records was ever in central records and not one is a record copy. This is to say that the needs of the ticklers was in mind when the records were generated. Yet not one reflects a tickler copy in the copies indicated. Designation of the tickler copy to the appropriate tickler file folder(s) is holographic.

One of the interesting new disclosures is that LBJ wanted a book written to defend the official solution to the assassination, Hoover to sign it and that Ted Goble was assigned to the project before it was aborted. He is the TNC of the Marina tickler, Ted N. Goble, the supposed communist/Russian expert, the one described to you in feigned surprise by John Hartingh as the "liberal Harvard lawyer." You should remember him from 1996 and my refusal to look at another paper he processed until he was removed from the case. What a paranoid! The references to this book project are scattered, and it was finally wiped out with a lucid disclosure of how the FBI manipulates its friends in the press, in this case Sid Epstein of the old Wash Star. This, too, you may want to recall, is in our past. It ended up with the published press release a copy of which the FBI refused to give me for years and it finally told you to make a formal FOIA request (which stalled and built phony statistics) to get a copy. (My interest was in the FBI response to what I had not yet published, of which the copy of the ms. I'd given the Times had disappeared.) I wanted the reproduction to be a facsimile, not the retyped Times or Star publication.)